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Our First Railroad Was Operating in 1849

Early History of This Locality
Continued By Mrs. E. J.
Howell

Seventy years and more ago, three and one-half miles due west from Yale, Bloomburg's Shanties and landing were located, now William Freeman's farm. Mill Creek runs at the south. Here the banks and stream were filled with pine logs. Back east on the same line, a few rods, we see a trail running north,—keep your eyes on this track. We will meet them again. We see such queer wagons standing there, having just thrown off a lot of logs. Coming nearer we see they are not wagons, but cars, and they run on a wooden track.

For this track a roadbed was made, graded to make it level and keep the line straight. The ties are laid down, solid on the ground, to hold the rails (?) which are 18 or 20 inch diameter timber hewed and squared on 2 or 3 sides, one corner squared so the wheels of the car, on the inner side, may stay on the track, said wheels having a flange three inches deep to keep it in place when in motion. These rails are bolted down to the ties with large oak pins, such as carpenters use in framing barns. Everything must be solid and strong to carry the freight of logs which looked somewhat like a load of loose hay. No head-on collisions or jumping the track on this railroad. Horse power, not steam was used, and the power was turned from one end to the other of the car, as was done on the first street cars. The wheels and axles were brought from the city, the woodworker and blacksmith of the shanties doing the rest. There was plenty of good oak to work with, and it was not spared.

The whole outfit was a primitive affair as we look at it now, but it was not far different in its construction from the first railroad that was built in the east, and it served its purpose.

This kind and manner of lumbering changed quickly. In less than twenty-five years steam roads were being used in the northern part of the state and the pine timber was being slaughtered.

To return to the Bloomburg landing. Something is coming into sight, and the something turns out to be William H. Allison, father of the writer, with his family, the first ones over this particular piece of particularly bad road, coming to settle in their new shanties on the North Branch.

As we are going the same way as the railroad, we are invited to ride the 3 1/2 miles we have to go, and thus we have our first ride on the first logging train in these parts.

Our teams and wagons follow and when within a half mile of our shanties, we load into our wagons and are soon at our journey's end. We have passed on our way Henry Morgan's shanty (now Lewis Hathaway's). He was a jobber, always lived in Lynn, and was a pioneer. All who lived in that shanty are gone. Joel Bonney was another jobber here before we came in 1849. He worked for Alfred A. Dwight, a pioneer lumberman, who did much for this country in the early days and what he did continued to live long.

What we write is of St. Clair and adjoining counties, and by this time the sound of chopping, sawing and falling of trees is heard in every direction, and the forest is fast giving up its best. Settlers begin to come, buy the land of the lumbermen who have cleared the pine but left shingle timber, as it was called, in great quantity. The settler goes to work on his own initiative, sells his logs to some lumberman with a drive. This second crop finished, the settler begins to look sharp. He must have money to keep the wolf from the door. He spies the mighty oak. He can sell that to another kind of lumberman. And the oak forest, next in value to the pine, is soon invaded by crews working in a far different way. These logs are made into staves to make barrels. Black ash is used to make the hoop. One that never saw such woods cannot imagine for a moment what a magnificent sight was presented to the early settlers, but it was not the beauty they saw, only the commercial value, and what was in it for them.

And in most cases it was not until the timber was all gone that the settler really began to farm.

He may take hold with a will, or get discouraged, sell out and follow the trail of the lumberman. Once a lumberman, always one. It was at the North branch we first saw John Riley, Indian chief. He lived in an Indian village a few miles away. Will tell you more about the redman when I write again.

HARD WORK; SMALL PAY

(Written by Mrs. M. J. Harnden.)
Yale, Mich., March 14, '21.
I arrived in Brockway Centre July 4th, 1864, which was then almost a wilderness. You could scarcely get about. It took a team with a wagon from early morning until late at night to make the trip from Port Huron to Brockway Centre, now Yale. No railroad, but just a stage, which they called a covered wagon. It went to Port Huron one day and back the next, and if heavily loaded it took longer. We thought we were "getting up in times" when the Grand Trunk railway went thru Emmett, for we could get supplies more often.

I was then working at the Ferguson House for the small sum of one dollar per week and board. I did my own washing, also all the family washing. We made our own soap, and in the spring we usually made a barrel of soft soap. It would almost take the hide off when you were washing. I remember one time in the fall, the wind was cold, and after doing the half week washing (we usually washed twice a week) my hands were so chapped and sore I could hardly bear it. Mr. Ferguson said to wash them in vinegar. Well, I tried the medicine, but if you ever saw a crazy person it was me. But I had to get to work, as there were about 40 men for supper. These men were on their way to Bunt's lumber camp. There were several lumber camps, among them were Stilson's and McIlhenny's.

They had their ox teams with them, with which to skid the logs. It was nothing to have from 25 to 75 men for supper and over night. We had to make beds on the floor, in the bar-room, and everywhere. But girls knew how to work then and could boil potatoes without burning the kettle. I had to bake all the bread, also all the pastry.

The first school teacher here that I remember was a Mr. Goggins, and he certainly did it up O. K.

In the spring Brockway Centre, now Yale, was made lively with river drivers bringing the logs down Mill creek with hand spikes. Sometimes the creek would be jammed so full you could walk across. There was no bridge going west, so we would walk on the logs.

The school house, cottage roofed, small indeed. This structure served for school and meetings, too. There an assembly met in numbers few. No organ played where they were wont to meet. No choirs sang the songs to measured beat. Their tunes were Rockingham and Webb. And grab-bags were a scandal unknown.

Hell-doom was the precept to the scorners, and "Bless the Lord" came from every amen corner. To the indulgent reader I would say, "Mark not the frailties of the writer's lines, but think that we never live but once here."

THE YALE HIGH SCHOOL

Following is a letter from a recent visitor to our schools:—
Yale should be very proud of her high school. For its equipment alone—its library, pictures, statues and scientific equipment—the school is to be commended. But the morale of the school—its discipline, the pupils' energy and ambition, and the class spirit—mark the Yale High School as one of the best in the Thumb of Michigan.

The English teachers are doing a good work in interesting their pupils in more extensive as well as better reading.

Many of Yale's Latin students are finding a new and definite interest in Latin; they have come to believe that the language is worth while.

(Miss) Dorothy E. Wilson

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MICHIGAN CANNED FOOD COMPANY TAKES OVER YALE CANNING COMPANY PLANT AND WILL INCREASE ITS CAPACITY THIS SEASON



On Monday of this week a deal was consummated whereby the plant and equipment of the Yale Canning Company becomes the property of the Michigan Canned Food Company.

It has been generally known in the city for some time past that Chas. L. Wagner, who managed the Yale plant last season had an option on same and he this week turned over the option to the above company.

The Michigan Canned Food Co. is a Michigan corporation with head offices in Detroit. It is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and is organized to operate a chain of factories in the state, with a big warehouse in Detroit to distribute the output for the different plants. The new company intends to re-equip the Yale plant and will increase its capacity. They will contract for about 1200 acres of peas for the 1921 season and will establish viner stations in different localities surrounding the city.

The management of the Michigan Canned Food Co. will be in the hands of well known business and financial men. Burt D. Cady, of Port Huron, is president; J. J. Smith, a well known man in business and financial circles in Detroit, is secretary-treasurer; E. S. Frey, one of the best known men

in the state in the fruit and vegetable packing line, and an authority on packing of same, is vice-president and general superintendent of the factories, and each factory manager will work under his personal instructions. Mr. Frey comes to this concern after about eighteen years' service with the W. R. Roach Co.

The Michigan Canned Food Co. will operate plants at Yale and Owosso during the 1921 season, and have plans under way for the establishment of factories at Greenville, Caro, Big Rapids, East Jordan, Cass City, Reed City, Cadillac and Armada in time for the 1922 crop.

Mr. Wagner, who is a stockholder in the new concern, will be remembered by the people of our city as the gentleman who operated the Yale plant in such a satisfactory manner last season. The output was shipped to Detroit by motor truck and sold as soon as product was packed. He is connected with some of Detroit's largest buyers. For the next few weeks, beginning Monday, March 28th, Mr. Wagner will make his headquarters in Yale and surrounding towns and will conduct a stock-selling campaign. He wishes to see all growers of peas in this section of the country. He understands the packing game from

start to finish, having had twenty-five years of actual experience.

The local manager for the new concern is Mr. Broman, of Kent City, who has had about fifteen years' experience in the canning of fruits and vegetables with the W. R. Roach Co., at that place. He was in Yale Monday looking for a house, and as soon as he can secure one will move his family to the city.

The Yale Canning Co. was organized in 1902 with local capital and home people, since which time the organization has met with success with the exception of one or two seasons. The original stockholders were B. R. Noble, John Staff, W. G. Wright, Grant Holden, R. W. Menerey, J. N. Muir, J. C. Holden, John Holden, Rounds & VanCamp, Bartley McNulty, Thos. G. Holden, L. R. Fuller, Mrs. F. M. Beecher, H. C. Martin, A. Pollock, Thos. Wharton, E. B. Fuller, E. F. Feend, Geo. McIntyre, D. A. McKeith, Mary Lutz, John Hutton, Rapley, F. A. Griswold, W. V. Andrae. The company was capitalized at \$20,000.

The transfer to the Michigan Canned Food Co. is a grand thing for our little city, as it guarantees an increase in our industrial activities. Success to the new concern.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB

The regular club meeting held at the home of Mrs. Menzies on Friday afternoon last week, proved to be, like the day, particularly bright and interesting.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Mrs. Paisley, and after the business routine, the program was taken up.

A splendid budget of current events in the musical world, was given in a paper by Mrs. Johnston followed by a most excellent and charmingly written paper on the life of Carrie Jacobs Bond, by Mrs. Ruh.

Music for the program consisted of a violin number of foreign title, but meaning "Sweetheart" in English, by Thelma Ingram, accompanied by Leona Holcomb, and two numbers on the violin by Marion Learmont, "I Love You Truly" and "A Perfect Day." Carrie Jacobs Bond's compositions, Mrs. Paisley accompanying on the piano.

The place of the meeting for April 1st, will be with Mrs. Learmont.

YALE CELEBRATION

Miss Nina B. Lamkin and Dr. Bacon will be in Yale Monday, March 28th, to meet all committees in the afternoon, to receive reports of progress made since their last visit.

In the evening at 7:30 there will be a mass meeting of the business men and citizens also representatives from all organizations, lodges, churches, schools, etc. representatives will meet for instruction.

Miss Lambkin expects to assign parts of the pageant to different groups at this meeting. See that your church, lodge, Sunday school class, club, etc., is represented at this meeting. Get in the game. Offer your services. Attend the meeting in the High school Monday, March 28th at 7:30.

NEW CASHIER AT THE PINNEY STATE BANK

Roy Bricker Leaves Harbor Beach Bank to Succeed Henry L. Pinney

Roy Bricker of Harbor Beach has accepted the position of cashier of the Pinney State Bank to succeed H. L. Pinney, whose resignation was accepted by the board of directors last Friday evening.

Mr. Bricker is a product of St. Clair county, having been born in Yale. He gained banking experience in Marlette where he served the State Savings Bank as cashier until he joined Uncle Sam's forces in the late war. He was commissioned lieutenant at Fort Sheridan and served in France, later being transferred to the 339th Michigan Regiment, which saw service in Russia. He was at Archangel when the war closed.

Returning to Marlette, he again entered the State Savings Bank and was elected vice-president. When the cashier of the State Bank of Harbor Beach defaulted several months ago Mr. Bricker was chosen by the directors of that institution, many of whom were also interested in the Marlette Bank, to take charge and straighten out the tangle. It was a man's job and the young man accomplished the task remarkably well, and though unacquainted with that community, he won the confidence of the depositors in those trying days with the result that the bank suffered no loss of business. This bank has shown a fine volume of business under his management as cashier.

Mr. Bricker is a member of leading fraternal societies and prominent in community activities.—Cass City Chronicle.

Grand Easter Party at Auditorium Monday evening, March 28. Yale music. Bill \$1.25.
W. F. BARR, Manager

A FAST GAME

Last Friday night the Yale high school basketball team met the fast Marysville squad in what proved to be one of the most speedy and interesting games of the season. The visitors, having met with considerable success in their games in the St. Clair river district, hoped for another victory here, but the old Yale spirit and fight was too much for them.

The home team was in the lead from the first, but until the last quarter the game was hotly contested, and the High team was never sure of their victory until that period. The last quarter saw us, because of superior tactics and basket shooting forge far in the lead, and when the final whistle blew the score stood 43 to 18 in Yale's favor.

Every man of the High school team displayed his skill well, both in caging the ball and getting it down the floor, and this was done in such a clean and scientific manner that the visitors declared it was the cleanest game of basketball they had ever played.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

About thirty relatives, consisting of children and grandchildren gathered at the home of John Thompson on Wednesday, March 16th, the occasion being the 83rd birthday of his mother Mrs. Jane Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson has resided in this locality for over sixty years, and although in her advanced years she is enjoying the best of health.

She received many useful gifts, also a large purse of money.

After partaking of a fine dinner all the guests returned home wishing Mrs. Thompson many more such happy birthdays.

PAINTING—Anyone needing any painting or paperhanging done call on E. F. Pratt, Mill street, Yale.

Newsy Notes From Our Neighboring Cities and Town

FULL HOUSE AT REVIVAL LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

In spite of the weather and bad roads of last week the attendance was good at the revival meetings which are being conducted by Evangelist Fred S. Weaver at the Methodist Protestant church here in Yale. The meetings are growing in interest and power. New faces are seen at each service and it is anticipated that much good will be accomplished before the close.

Sunday night the church was filled with an enthusiastic audience. The large chorus rendered a rather difficult special number in a very creditable manner. The evangelist's message was "Five Ways to Hell."

At the morning service Mr. Weaver spoke on "How to Win Souls to Christ." The close of the meeting witnessed a tremendous demonstration, as a large majority of the audience crowded to the front and by kneeling in prayer pledged that they would do all in their power to make the revival campaign a success.

The afternoon meeting was very well attended, there being conviction evidenced on the part of some present. One of the interesting features of this service was the rendering of a special number by a male quartette.

The following messages will be delivered the remainder of the week and next Sunday:—

Thursday evening "Moral Leprosy."

Friday evening, "The Greatest Thing in the World."

Saturday evening, "A Fool's Bargain." A special program will be rendered by a large children's booster choir.

Sunday, March 27th

10:00 a. m., Easter program by the church choir.

11:00 a. m., Sunday school.

2:30 p. m., Mr. Weaver will speak on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit; or Power of Service." This service is for everybody.

7:30 p. m., "The Man Who Blamed His Wife." Hear the large chorus choir sing.

LADY MACCABEES INITIATE

It was announced in last week's issue of the Expositor that Peerless Hive, L. O. T. M. would initiate a class of forty candidates into the order. The date has been postponed to Tuesday, March 29. Below we publish the program of the evening:—

Overture.....Boys' Orchestra

Public Initiation.....

Invocation.....Rev. Mumby

Address of Welcome.....Rev. Martin

Response to Welcome.....

Carrie E. Torney, Gt. F. Keeper

Vocal Selection.....Boys' Quartette

Reading.....Katherine Herbert

Asseetic Dancing.....Madge Little

Reading.....Jean Esther Herbert

Address.....Frances E. Burns

Great Commander

Music.....Boys' Orchestra

Reading.....Madeline Wilt

Address.....Emma E. Bower

Great Record Keeper

Address.....Dr. Haines

Great Medical Examiner

BROWN-McINTYRE

A very quiet wedding occurred in Yale at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, March 23, 1921, at the Presbyterian Manse, when Miss Isobel R. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Brown, and Mr. James McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McIntyre were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Alfred Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Hunt were the attendants.

The bride is one of Yale's best young ladies, and the groom is a hardworking young man. Both young people have a host of friends who wish them the best this land affords, and many years of happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre will spend their honeymoon visiting friends in Detroit and different parts of Ontario. On their return they will reside in Yale.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

All members of Troop 1 will assemble at headquarters on Friday morning with hiking equipment at 10:00 o'clock. Outdoor meeting. Cooking tests. Signalling. Nature study and other activities. Registration cards are here.

F. D. Mumby, Scoutmaster

Thumb Tales Tensely Told—Interesting Items Gleaned From Our Exchanges

The roads have been so bad over at Capac that farmers have come in with four horses.

The business places of Capac City will close on Good Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 o'clock.

The Juniors of Richmond high school gave the play "Mary's Lions," on Wednesday evening last week.

Crosswell is in line for a teatime contest on Saturday, the week. These contests are becoming quite popular.

Mrs. Hugh McNight, a Merphris woman, 90 years old, can her first ballet at the village school held last week.

St. Clair's business places will be closed from 12 to 3 p. m. on good Friday. Community service to be held at 2:00 o'clock.

During the electrical storm last week a team of horses belonging to Miles Kirkum, of New Haven, was struck and killed.

The new bus line started between St. Clair and Romeo, 1 way of Richmond making two trips daily, is doing a thriving business.

Mrs. Wm. Kant, the oldest citizen of Cottleville township and one of the oldest of St. Clair county, died last week, at the age of 94 years.

North Branch is another town to stage a horse drawing contest. It comes off tomorrow, and an added feature will be a fox chase and dog race.

The Mt. Clemens Leader came out with a 20-page edition Monday chock full of ads and giving much interesting historical facts about the county seat.

Dr. Fletcher Blagborne, for many years a practicing physician of Marine City and one time Mayor, died at his home in Detroit recently, aged 64 years.

Harry Thrushman, of Novesta, is mystified by finding a box of paris green in his watering trough. As he is quite a recent comer to Novesta, he hadn't expected enemies.

Mrs. George Hillman, long a resident of Elk and Flynn, Sanilac county, was found dead in her home on Sunday of last week. Her husband had just left her in apparently good health.

Joseph Dawe, publisher of the Deckerville Recorder, was granted a decision in mandamus proceedings against the village of Deckerville compelling them to publish the financial statement of the village in the local paper.

John J. Swiercz of Minden City received a telegram from Detroit stating that his son had been killed and for him to come. Mr. Swiercz got to Detroit as quickly as possible, to find his son very much alive and surprised to see him.

Mrs. Merton Fuller, of Richmond, has very efficiently acted as secretary of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church in that town, and as a token of appreciation, the members presented her with a gold pencil.

Petitions will soon be circulated in Peck asking the postoffice department to re-district the rural mail routes in that section of Sanilac county. Many farmers within a few miles of Peck, now get their mail either from Melvin or Brown City.

Mrs. Wm. Russell jr., of near Gagetown, took her life last week by cutting her throat with a small sharp knife. She had tried various routes before but had been thwarted in her purpose. She leaves a heart broken husband and two small children.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Registration for the township of Brockway will be held at the home of township clerk, Floyd E. Oatman on Saturday, March 26, and on Saturday April 2, 1921, for the purpose of registering all qualified electors who are not now registered, and to revise the roll.

FLOYD E. OATMAN,
Township Clerk